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The New York Legislature is making a war on silk tights. The *Morning Advertiser* says that "Folly has no geography and all seasons are its own." It does not explain whether it refers to the actresses or the legislators.

A NEW tugboat has been built in New York with the object of having to pull a particularly big and unwieldy barge. It has been christened the Daniel S. Lamont on account of that gentleman's peculiar relationship to the President.

A GREAT fuss is being made over the living pictures in the New York theaters. It seems that it would be more to the purpose if the philanthropists turned their attention to those pictures of distress and misery which seem to be barely living.

THE Supreme Court of Appeals is now in session at Charleston, and expects to close up all cases on the docket by the middle of May. Several cases went over the present term of our court, as they have for some years past, on the question whether a person liable for indictment for an offense over which a justice has jurisdiction, can go before a justice, and confess judgment, and be fined, and put in this conviction as a plea to defeat an indictment. In the case now in the Supreme Court, the judge of the circuit decided that a person liable to be punished for the commission of a crime, cannot choose the court in which he may be tried, which is done in the cases in hand.

It strikes us that Governor O'Ferral is having a hard time to get the smell of that negro, who recently visited him as one of the Massachusetts delegation, out of the executive mansion. It would have been wiser to have said nothing about it as the South will be called up prominently to be regarded by the North as being hard on the negroes. There is too pronounced a feeling in the North already that we regard the negro in the light of a good subject to lynch. That there are two distinct castes in the South is a circumstance to be proud of, for it gives the poorest white man a certain distinction that can only be attained in the North by the possession of money. To lose sight of the lines dividing the races means a long step toward mixed marriages, which would breed a race from which any devilishness might be expected.

VISITED BY "BIG FOOT" WALLACE.—A gentleman from Lexington visiting at Waco, Texas, writes entertainingly of a visit recently paid him by "Big Foot" Wallace, the noted Indian fighter, who left Rockbridge for Texas long years ago, and whose exploits as a fighter of Indians and Mexicans have become historical. The letter relates that he now lives at Big Foot P. O., near Waco. His hair is white and he is deaf and palsied from the effects of a sun-stroke, otherwise he is vigorous for a man of seventy-eight years. He talked with much interest of old Rockbridge, of all the Wallaces, of his old friends, Mat, Pettigrew and Haughwout; of the Varners and of others, and told of his experiences on the frontier in his vigorous days. He is well known in Waco, and held in the highest esteem.—*Rockbridge County News.*

Attempted Robbery.

A very sensational occurrence took place at the residence of Mr. William H. Dilley, at Dilley's Mill on Monday night of last week. Mr. Dilley's house is isolated, there being no near neighbors. It is known as the chief stopping place for travelers between Dunmore and Huntersville. About sunset of that night a well dressed tramp came to the house by a path which he could only have discovered by making a detour from the public road. He asked to stop for the night, stating that he had no money to pay for his lodging. He was taken in to be given a night's lodging.

About eighteen months ago Mr. Dilley's father's house, in this neighborhood, was ransacked and robbed, and since then it has been his custom to lock and bolt his doors at dusk. That night everything was locked and made secure as usual. The stranger, who had given no name, was evidently acting a part and endeavoring to appear a wild and unreasoning crank, but his part was not well assumed and his listeners could but suspect that he was not as foolish as he would make it appear.

About 8 o'clock the stealthy footsteps of a group of men were heard on the porch, and instantly the door was tried. The rattling continued for some minutes until Mr. Dilley and stood armed before it with a Winchester rifle and pistol. Ligon Marshall stood watch over the tramp stranger.

Just as Mr. Dilley was about to fire through the door, and the party in the house had remained as silent as those trying to force an entrance, the stranger uttered a loud, weird cry that curdled the blood of the inmates of the house, and which was unmistakably a signal of danger to the attacking party. Those outside retreated instantly. Then the stranger begged to be allowed to go, but he was refused the privilege, Mr. Dilley accusing him of being in league with the house-breakers. Directly Mr. Dilley opened the door pistol in hand, and the tramp slipped by him and ran.

Mr. Dilley followed but lost his trail, and on going to his brother's Amos Dilley, to warn him to look well to his horses, found him there. The distance between the houses is about two miles.

This was undoubtedly an attempt to rob the proprietor of that lonely house at Dilley's Mill, and fits in with the plan pursued in all the robberies which have occurred so frequently in the last four years. The thieves come in the evening between supper-time and bedtime, hold up the inmates of the house and go through it systematically. The only thing which foiled them in this attempt was the precaution that the owner of this house had taken according to his invariable practice of locking his doors at dusk, and opening them only when the voice of him who is seeking admittance is recognized.

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BY THE ARCHITECTURAL EDITOR.

The wonderful development and growth in values of Pocahontas County, in the half decade just passed, may be readily illustrated by relative comparison, and the rapid strides of improvement are shown by examination of her new court-house and jail recently completed.

Briefly, the court-house is a well-designed piece of architecture of the most modern design. The building proper is sixty-six feet by seventy-two feet. Consisting of three floors. The basement consists of six rooms and two large halls. In this basement are four large heaters or furnaces, which heat the entire building throughout, and will say just here they have been well tested.

The basement has four furnace rooms, one sanitary room, one storage room, one fresh air room, and one foul air room. This basement story is built of stone, and finished with hard finish on all walls. The floors are all grouted and finished with a smooth Portland cement. One exit from this basement is up a flight of stairs made of native Pocahontas oak. Here we land in the side or cross-hall of the first story floor. We find this hall to be fourteen feet wide and thirty-two feet long, with a fourteen foot wall to ceiling. We then enter the main hall, which is ten by seventy-two feet. From this main hall we gain entrance to all the county offices. First the County Clerk's office which is sixteen by thirty feet. Leading from this room we enter a large fire-proof vault, nine by fourteen feet, with walls of brick twenty two inches thick. The floors and ceilings are made of concrete, and supported by large steel beams, with arches of brick, and finished with Portland cement. The openings are secured with Manly Mfg's. best fire-proof steel shutters of the very latest design; the door opening is closed on the inside by a pair of double steel doors, with an outside door of heavy steel with a combination lock. We find the vaults absolutely fire-proof in every respect.

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Now we pass into the office of the Sheriff, which is a beauty with its oak and oil finish of gloss.

The next room is that of the Chaucery Clerk, which is a fac simile of the County Clerk's office, with a vault of the same construction. Then we enter the tower room. This room will be occupied by the County Surveyor.

All the doors on this floor are, as are all the doors throughout the building, two inches thick, three feet three inches wide, and eight feet six inches high, with a transom over each door thirty nine by forty-six inches. The entire building is wainscotted with oak four feet high with eleven inch molded base, finished with a double braded cup of a tasty design. All the hardware in this building is of the best patents and patterns of solid bronze.

The main stairway leading from this floor lands on the ell-shaped hall on the court-room floor. From this hall we enter the main court room, fifty by fifty with ceiling eighteen feet high. This room is well lighted with nine large windows, and has four exits. This room is heated from the furnaces in the basement story. The doors and windows throughout this building are furnished with six-inch reeded arcestrans with plinth block and turned common rosettes of a neat design. The bar is separated from the main court-hall by a substantial railing, with turned balusters, with a free swinging gate. In the bar enclosure there is an elevated platform for the jury, surrounded by a neat railing. To the left of this we find the seat of justice, which is a masterpiece of workmanship.

On leaving the main court-room we enter the hall, from this we enter two elegant rooms which are the two Petit Jury rooms; the third room is the Grand Jury room; the fourth, the Judge's room; fifth, witness room; sixth, lawyers consulting room.

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The cut above presents the building from its narrowest dimensions. The jail is directly behind the court-house, which is to be regretted, as it is too tasteful a building to be hid. The cut is a good representation of the front of the building, but does not allow one to judge very well of its size.

This article will be continued next week when a full account of the new jail will be given.

The president has appointed ex-Congressman William M. Springer, of Illinois, Judge of the United States court of the Northern district of the Indian Territory, and ex-Congressman C. B. Kilgore, of Texas, judge of the United States court of the Southern district of Indian Territory.

Dentistry: Dr. J. H. Weymouth will be at Valley Head March 15th, and remain 3 days. Mingo, 19th, 4 days. Edray, 25th, 5 days. Marlinton, April 1st, 4 days. Buckeye (Clark Kellisons), 5th, 4 days. Mill Point, 10th, 4 days. And will be prepared to attend to all operations in dentistry.

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